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1. Recent arrests made by the P.I.D.E. (secret police) in Central Portugal have yielded, through subsequent interrogation of prisoners and confiscation of papers, certain information concerning the organization of the Communist Party in and around Coimbra.
2. The leader of the Comissao Concelhia (Local Committee) for Coimbra was Agostinho de Conceicao Saboga, with cover-name "Costa", who was arrested on 4 June 1947 in a house in Coimbra maintained by the Communist Party.
3. Other members of the Party's Local Committee for Coimbra are:

Felisberto Pereira de Lemos, with cover-name "Henrique", an office clerk  
Manuel Augusto Rodrigues, with cover-name "Amaro", an office clerk  
Carlos Augusto Duarte, an office clerk  
Jose Maria Azevedo Neto, a chauffeur for Auto-Industrial, Ltda.

None of these four has been arrested.

4. The police learned that Jose Maria Azevedo Neto (mentioned above) controls a communist cell in the Auto-Industrial, and that the members of the cell are Mario Medeiros and Jose Miranda, both locksmiths, and Fausto Cortegao Marta, an office clerk. Neto also controls a cell in the Ideal knitting mill; two members of this cell, who have been identified by last names only, are Caldeira and Resende, both textile machine operators.
5. Prior to July 1946, the Local Committee for Coimbra was composed of the following three members:

Joaquim Roque de Freitas, who was arrested in 1944 because of his membership on the committee, but who escaped to the Belgian Congo, where he is now working.  
Vitorino Alves de Andrade, a bookbinder, member of the "Cell Secretariat" (sic) of the Communist Party and also of the Coimbra District Committee of the M.U.D. (adult); arrested on 25 August 1947.

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Dr. Albano Rodrigues da Cunha, born at Figueira da Foz, a lawyer with offices in the Rua de Sofia 111, Coimbra; leader of the "Intellectual Sector" of the Communist Party, and a member of the Coimbra District Committee of the M.U.D.; arrested on 19 September 1947.

6. The P.I.D.E. also found evidence that Atlantide (? or Atilandio) dos Reis Ambrosio is in hiding in the vicinity of Coimbra. Ambrosio was formerly a member of the Communist Party Local Committee for Lisbon. He used the pseudonym "Tom", and had charge of the distribution of "Avante" and "Militante", distributing 5,000 copies of these clandestine publications every two weeks. In 1945, when the Lisbon police were planning to arrest him, Ambrosio went into hiding, but lived more or less openly in Coimbra under the name of Alvaro Lourenco until the summer of 1947, when action by the police drove him into a new hiding-place.

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